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Mr. Floyd Hall
190 Upper Mountain Avenue
Montclair, NJ 07042

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am writing to you as an advocate for Amtrak's monthly pass commuters, most of whom were, or soon will have been, financially thrown off the railroad by decisions made at Amtrak last September during your tenure on the Board of Directors. Enclosed please find copies of materials which were sent to Chairman David Laney in that regard, and which explain the essentials of the difficulties. A great wrong has been done to Amtrak's most loyal riders, and it is my hope that you, seeing the devastation wrought directly or indirectly by decisions in which you were complicit, will help set things right.

After reviewing the enclosed materials, I would encourage you to in turn encourage Mr. Laney and anyone else you can think of, who is still left in a significant position of power over Amtrak, to attempt to undo as much of the damage to Amtrak's small commuting communities as possible. A deadline looms on February 16. I realize that your term as an interim appointee on Amtrak's Board has now expired, but I suspect you may still have a good bit of clout with the powers that be.

If you would like to know more about my own background and point of view in Amtrak advocacy, I encourage you to check out www.savecornwellsheights.com and www.understandingamtrak.com, my two primary advocacy websites.

I would very much like to better understand what happened at the Amtrak Board meeting of September 22, 2005, that either caused or failed to prevent the attempted destruction of Amtrak's small but faithful daily commuter ranks. Given your track record of good works, I strongly suspect the errors were unintentional and reflected an information vacuum rather than a will to do harm.

I would like to ask the favor of a meeting with you at a time and place of convenience to you so that I may discuss the plight of the Amtrak commuters with you further, and perhaps learn from you how better to advocate for them in Washington. I do this on my own time and at my own expense, simply as a concerned citizen.

I used to have a sister-in-law in Montclair, and, being familiar with the area, could easily meet with you there or in New York or Washington or Philadelphia or, for that matter, just about any place else. I hope you will consider helping 2,000 wounded innocents in this way, with a bit of your time, concern, and thoughts. Beyond that, in all modesty, I'm said to be a pretty good conversationalist. ;-) Your time won't be wasted.

I look forward to hearing from you, and hope to meet with you at your earliest convenience.

Best regards for a happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely yours,

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